



2024 WESTERN REGIONAL GAS CONFERENCE



TUESDAY, AUGUST 20	WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21
<p>7:00 – 8:00 AM REGISTRATION (Xavier Room) & VENDOR EXHIBITS (Palm Ballroom ABDE) and BREAKFAST (Mission Grille or Snack Shacks)</p>	
<p>8:00 – 8:15 AM</p> <p>WELCOME!</p> <p>Bill Parry – Southwest Gas Corporation Director, Western Regional Gas Association, Inc. (Palm Ballroom CF Main Session Room)</p>	<p>7:00 – 8:15 AM</p> <p>WAKE-UP SESSION</p> <p>Vendor Exhibit Area (Palm Ballroom ABDE) (Snack Shack Continental Breakfast or Hot Breakfast at the Mission Grille!)</p>
<p>8:15 – 9:00 AM</p> <p>KEYNOTE ADDRESS: PHMSA REGULATORY FOCUS FOR 2024 AND BEYOND</p> <p>Alan Mayberry, Associate Administrator U.S. Department of Transportation, Pipeline & Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) (Palm Ballroom CF)</p>	<p>8:15 – 9:00 AM</p> <p>AGA EFFORTS AND CHALLENGES TO PROMOTE NATURAL GAS USAGE Sue Forrester – American Gas Association (Palm Ballroom CF)</p> <p>SAFE PURGING TECHNIQUES FOR NATURAL GAS PIPELINES Joshua Ott – SafePurge (Joshua Tree Room)</p> <p>PIPELINE SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS – OVERVIEW & STATUS UPDATE Steve Allen – Energy Worldnet (Abbey Room)</p>
	<p>9:00 – 9:15 AM BREAK & VENDOR EXHIBITS (Palm Ballroom)</p>



Location: The Tempe Mission Palms Hotel and Conference Center, 60 E. Fifth St., Tempe, Arizona 85281

Registration: Xavier Room (Located on the east side of the courtyard, behind the Snack Shack)

Vendor Set-Up: Monday, August 19 from 1:00 to 5:00 PM, Palm Ballroom Vendor Display Area

All presentations will be available for download after the conference at www.westernregionalgas.org



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<p>9:05 – 9:50 AM</p> <p>PIPELINE SAFETY RULEMAKING UPDATES AND ADVISORIES: NPRM, FINAL RULE AND RELATED REGULATORY ACTIVITY Cameron Satterthwaite – PHMSA (Palm Ballroom CF)</p> <p>CORROSION CONTROL TRACK: IMPACT OF CP ON AC INTERFERENCE IN LINE WITH AMPP SP21424 Gerald Haynes – Micor Services, Inc. (Joshua Tree Room)</p> <p>MOVING FROM TASK-LEADER TO PEOPLE-LEADER: HOW TO RECOGNIZE & MOTIVATE YOUR FIELD CREWS Phil Harris – MEA Energy Association (Abbey Room)</p>	<p>9:15 – 10:00 AM</p> <p>FACILITY DATA COLLECTION: DIGITIZING THE AS BUILT PROCESS Paul Gustilo – Southwest Gas Corporation (Palm Ballroom CF)</p> <p>ADVANCED LEAK DETECTION AND QUANTIFICATION Johan Wictor – Pergam Technical Services (Joshua Tree Room)</p> <p>LEVERAGING PIPELINE DATA, GUIDANCE, AND RESOURCES TO ENHANCE PIPELINE SAFETY Erin McKay – That Compliance Lady (Evergreen Compliance, LLC) (Abbey Room)</p>
<p>9:50 – 10:15 AM BREAK & VENDOR AREA RAFFLE (Palm Ballroom)</p>	<p>10:00 – 10:15 AM BREAK & VENDOR AREA RAFFLE (Palm Ballroom)</p>
<p>10:15 – 11:00 AM</p> <p>NAPSR-PHMSA DISTRIBUTION TEAM UPDATES FOR OPERATORS Matt Smith – Illinois Commerce Commission/NAPSR (Palm Ballroom CF)</p> <p>CORROSION CONTROL TRACK: CORROSION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM ASSESSMENT Nicole Cartwright – Southern California Gas Company (Joshua Tree Room)</p> <p>LEAK SURVEY AND EMISSIONS DETECTION TECHNOLOGY UPDATES Robert Botello – Heath Consultants (Abbey Room)</p>	<p>10:15 – 11:00 AM</p> <p>INDUSTRY EFFORTS AND STATE ACTIONS TO UTILIZE HYDROGEN IN GAS SYSTEMS Ashley Duckman – American Gas Association (Palm Ballroom CF)</p> <p>PHMSA WESTERN REGION UPDATES, INSPECTION RESULTS, COMPLIANCE ACTIONS Tom Finch – PHMSA Western Region (Joshua Tree Room)</p> <p>REVOLUTIONIZING METHANE EMISSIONS QUANTIFICATION WITH THE NEXT GENERATION OF AI-POWERED ADVANCED ANALYTICS Alnoor Ebrahim – Southern Cross/Sparus (Abbey Room)</p>
<p>11:00 – 11:15 AM BREAK & VENDOR EXHIBITS (Palm Ballroom)</p>	<p>11:00 – 11:15 AM BREAK & VENDOR EXHIBITS (Palm Ballroom)</p>



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<p>11:15 AM – 12:00 PM</p> <p>INCIDENT UPDATES & REPORTS: HOW OPERATORS CAN WORK WITH PHMSA WHEN INCIDENTS OCCUR Chris Ruhl – PHMSA Accident and Investigation Division (Palm Ballroom CF)</p> <p>CORROSION CONTROL TRACK: LINEAR ANODES AND ELECTRODES – APPLICATIONS AND ADVANTAGES Charlie Poore – Mesa Products (Joshua Tree Room)</p> <p>GTI ENERGY PROJECT UPDATES Dennis Jarnecke – GTI Energy (Gas Technology Institute) (Abbey Room)</p>	<p>11:15 AM – 12:00 PM</p> <p>CGA DAMAGE PREVENTION INSTITUTE METRICS/UPDATES AND OTHER CGA COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS Louis Panzer – North Carolina 811 (Palm Ballroom CF)</p> <p>PHMSA LEAK DETECTION & REPAIR NPRM UPDATES AFTER GPAC – GAS DISTRIBUTION RULE PERSPECTIVES Warren Miller – Industrial Training Services (Joshua Tree Room)</p> <p>REMOTE VIRTUAL NON-DESTRUCTIVE TESTING SYSTEM TECHNOLOGY Mike Childers - Southwest Gas Corporation (Abbey Room)</p>
<p>12:00 – 1:30 PM LUNCH BREAK (Mission Grille) & VENDOR AREA RAFFLE</p>	<p>12:00 – 1:30 PM LUNCH BREAK (Mission Grille) & VENDOR AREA RAFFLE</p>
<p>1:30 – 2:15 PM</p> <p>GAS DISTRIBUTION NPRM RULEMAKING TEAM ACTIVITIES Matt Smith – Illinois Commerce Commission (Palm Ballroom CF)</p> <p>CORROSION CONTROL TRACK: CATHODIC SHIELDING ISSUES Frank Selga – Accurate Corrosion Control (Joshua Tree Room)</p> <p>METHANE MITIGATION CHALLENGES & STRATEGIES: OPERATOR CASE STUDIES Doug Sahm – ZEVAK (Abbey Room)</p>	<p>1:30 – 2:15 PM</p> <p>MATERIAL VERIFICATION BEST PRACTICES RELATED TO GAS TRANSMISSION RIN 1 Meghan Schleicher – Entrust Solutions Group (Palm Ballroom CF)</p> <p>PIPELINE ISOLATION TECHNOLOGIES TO SUPPORT THE ENERGY TRANSITION Aaron Madden – TD Williamson, Inc. (Joshua Tree Room)</p> <p>METHANE MITIGATION: THE VALUE OF PRECISE REPORTING Matt Sievert – Onboard Dynamics, LLC (Abbey Room)</p>
<p>2:15 – 2:30 PM BREAK & VENDOR EXHIBITS (Palm Ballroom)</p>	<p>2:15 – 2:30 PM BREAK & VENDOR EXHIBITS (Palm Ballroom)</p>



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2:30 – 3:15 PM

AERIAL METHANE MONITORING PROJECT OVERVIEW AND SAFETY BENEFITS

Erik Rodriguez & Mori Farid – Southern California Gas Company
(Palm Ballroom CF)

CORROSION CONTROL TRACK: CORROSION CONTROL, RIN 2, AND USING AMPP GUIDE 21569-2024

Jeff Didas – Kinder Morgan
(Joshua Tree Room)

INCIDENT INVESTIGATION/EMERGENCY RESPONSE: LESSONS LEARNED

Eddie Lynch – AEGIS Insurance Services
(Abbey Room)

3:15 – 3:45 PM BREAK & VENDOR EXHIBITS (Palm Ballroom)

3:45 – 4:30 PM

DAMAGE PREVENTION REVIEWS, RECENT INITIATIVES

Bill Caram – Pipeline Safety Trust
(Palm Ballroom CF)

CORROSION CONTROL TRACK: DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS FOR PIPELINE CASINGS

John Rettig – Farwest Corrosion Control
(Joshua Tree Room)

LESSONS LEARNED FROM NATURAL GAS INCIDENTS – AN OPEN DISCUSSION

David Zak – AEGIS Loss Prevention
(Abbey Room)

4:30 – 6:00 PM

GET ACQUAINTED NETWORKING RECEPTION
(Palm Ballroom Exhibit Area)

Join us in the vendor exhibit area for light fare and cocktails as well as our main event door prize raffle drawings! Visit the vendors to collect your tickets for chances to win some great prizes including laptop computers, gift cards, outdoor gear, and much more!

2:30 PM – 3:15 PM

NATURAL CONCEPTS IN RIGHT-OF-WAY MANAGEMENT: USING SELECT SPECIES TO CONTROL GROWTH AND HARMONIZE WITH THE ENVIRONMENT

Sam Minifie – American Petroleum Institute (API)
(Palm Ballroom CF)

A CASE STUDY: INTEGRATED TECHNIQUES FOR ANALYZING ANOMALIES ON OLDER PIPELINES USING PHASED ARRAY ULTRASONIC TESTING AND BURST PRESSURE CALCULATIONS

Greg Efthemes – Southwest Gas & Jess Rago – Western Technologies
(Joshua Tree Room)

COMBATTING CASING CORROSION (GALVANIC ANODE PROTECTION OF COATED PIPELINE CASINGS)

Jonathan Loomis – Farwest Corrosion Control
(Abbey Room)

3:15 PM ADJOURNMENT & GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE (Palm Ballroom CF)

GRAND DOOR PRIZE RAFFLE

Please join us in the Palm Ballroom for a chance to win a MacBook laptop computer, a name brand mini tablet, and more! You must be present to win, and your name badge will be your potentially winning ticket!